

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, in view of the above claim amendments which are intended to correct the allegedly indefinite language specified by the Examiner. If the Examiner feels that the language still is indefinite, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to **call** the undersigned attorney to discuss the matter.

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that claims 2, 4 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant has amended the claims to overcome this rejection.

Applicant also cancels, without prejudice, claim 1, and rewrites claim 2 (2/1) in independent form, and also amends claims 2-6 so that they are either directly or indirectly dependent on the **now allowable** rewritten claim 2. Applicant also amends independent claim 7 to contain the **allowable claim 2 limitation**.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner now to find the application to be in condition for allowance with **claims 2-7**; however, if for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to **call the undersigned attorney** to discuss any unresolved issues and to expedite the disposition of the application.

Filed concurrently herewith is a Petition (with fee) for an Extension of Time of one month. Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this application, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to

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Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and/or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to said Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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